

Dear Commissioners

- My name is Ernest Lee and I'm a resident of Monterey Park, and currently Vice-President of Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association in LA Chinatown.
- Chinatown, Monterey Park, Alhambra, and Rosemead should not be separated from the rest of the West SGV, such as San Gabriel City, South Pasadena San Marino, Temple City, and Arcadia at the Assembly, Senate and Congressional levels.
- The AAPI community in West SGV has a strong and distinct cultural and linguistic association. Residents go to the same churches, the same shopping centers, the same restaurants. Importantly, the AAPI community throughout the region share common policy concerns – the anti-Asian hate that emerged during the pandemic is but one example of this. This includes the Chinatown residents have that lots of their friends and family members live in the West SGV communities and all are connected very tightly culturally, economically, and socially.
- This distinctive APIA population has a broad and strong commonality as well in economic posture as a dominant part of a broad middle class ranging from lower to the upper levels. Ethnically and culturally sensitive small businesses and enterprises concentrated in these stated towns are essential in maintaining a healthy and vital community of interest or general community, and therefore the towns should not be divided by political mandate without serious considerations of the consequent results. Especially, the Chinese Communities have their heritage roots in Chinatown. Therefore, Chinatown and West SGV should be all included in one County District.
- The Commission must consider keeping the Asian American community of interest in West SGV and Chinatown as a whole.

Truly Yours,

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